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Wabash County Animal Shelter partnership to pair emerging readers with dogs, cats

The local Literacy for Companionship program will be held on the third Thursday of each month, starting March 18 at the Wabash County Animal

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State opens COVID-19 vaccine eligibility to teachers

On Tuesday, the ISDH also expanded the guidelines to include Hoosiers 45 and older

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

As more COVID-19 vaccines have become available, the list of those who are eligible to sign up has increased several times over the past few days.

During a televised press conference on Wednesday, March 10, state health commissioner said they were pleased with vaccination rates with those populations who were already able to sign up.

“We continue to see significant uptake of vaccine in our eligible populations,” said Box.

Box said 72 percent of Hoosiers 80 and older, 73 percent of those ages 70 to 79, 60 percent of those ages 60 to 69, and 37 percent of those ages 50 to 59 had already been vaccinated or had their vaccinations scheduled.

On Monday, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) announced that Indiana educators up to grade 12 and other school support staff can now sign up for a free

COVID-19 vaccine at any Indiana vaccination clinic.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), eligible individuals include teachers and staff in pre-K through high school, childcare centers, Head Start and Early Start programs, along with licensed childcare providers, including center-based and family care providers. Classroom aides, bus drivers, janitors, counselors,

administration staff, cafeteria workers and substitute teachers also are eligible.

And on Tuesday, the ISDH announced that Hoosiers age 45 and older are now eligible to receive a free COVID-19 vaccine. This expansion of eligibility makes the vaccine available to an additional 415,640 Hoosiers.

“Additional groups will be

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Manchester launches two nursing programs



Provided photo

Manchester University announced two nursing programs on Monday.

Applications being accepted as classes set to begin in the fall

By **ANNE GREGORY**

Manchester University President Dave McFadden announced Monday that the northeast Indiana school now offers two nursing programs.

It is accepting applications for:

■ **Accelerated BSN Second Degree:** An accelerated program for those who already have a bachelor's degree in another field and want to pursue a bachelor's degree in nursing. The BSN Second Degree track is a full-time, 16-month program at Manchester's Fort Wayne

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campus. It offers students an immersive nursing education to quickly meet the increasing demand for health care professionals.

■ **Traditional BSN:** A four-year program for recent high school graduates seeking a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Traditional BSN nursing

students start with two years at the North Manchester campus before moving on to more advanced work at the Fort Wayne campus.

Nursing classes begin in fall 2021. Graduates will be eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN), required to become licensed as a registered nurse.

“As a cornerstone of the health professions, nursing

represents a major step forward in MU's health science initiatives,” McFadden said. “Nursing is a natural extension of Manchester's historic strengths in health sciences, from undergraduate preparation for medical, dental and optometry doctoral programs, as well as MU's Doctor of Pharmacy Program.”

Lea Johnson joined Manchester in 2018 as vice president for health science initiatives to plan, develop and launch nursing and other programs to meet market needs

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WCS now reviewing superintendent applications

The first round of interviews is set to begin March 29

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

After a series of meeting with Wabash City Schools (WCS) staff and the public, the board is now reviewing applications for the open job of superintendent.

WCS board president Rod Kelsheimer led a series of four work sessions at Wabash Middle School to discuss the process.

The first was held Wednesday, March 3 for the staff at L.H. Carpenter Early Learning Center and O J Neighbours Elementary School, the second was held Thursday, March 4 for staff at WMS, the third was held Wednesday, March 10 for staff at Wabash High School (WHS) and the fourth was held Thursday, March 11 for members of the community.

During the Wednesday, March 10 meeting, Kelsheimer said they were using the feedback they've received at these meetings to inform their search as the interview process begins.

In December 2020, Callahan informed the board of his intentions to leave his post

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Wabash Art Guild Members' Art Show returns for 2021

The 61st annual event returns March 24 to the Clark Gallery

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Like so many events during the last year, what would have been the 60th annual Wabash Art Guild Members' Art Show was canceled in May 2020 due to COVID-19 concerns.

But, with local positivity rates falling and vaccinations rising, annual celebrations such as this one have been coming back on line in 2021.

In that spirit, Lori Heeter

said on Monday that the 61st annual Wabash Art Guild 2021 Members' Art Show would be on display from Wednesday, March 24 through Sunday, April 25 at the Clark Gallery at the Honeywell Center, 275 W. Market St.

Heeter said there would be free admission available for the Clark Gallery during these dates from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

“We invite you to come to peruse a fresh collection of artworks created by our local artists in a variety of styles,

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Local landmark looks to be added to National Register of Historic Places

13-24 Drive-In Movie Theater's final hearing set for next month

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

A local landmark may soon be added to the National Register of Historic Places if a meeting next month goes as planned.

The nomination of the 13-24 Drive-In Movie Theater will be considered for addition to the registry at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 14 at the

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Provided photo

The nomination of the 13-24 Drive-In Movie Theater will be considered for addition to the registry at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 14 at the City Hall Assembly Room, 130 Penn St., Westfield.



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Manchester University choirs to perform Thursday

General admission is free with a suggested donation of \$5

By ANNE GREGORY

The Manchester University Music Department will present “Hey Nonny Nonny!” at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 18.

They will perform standard choral repertoire, featuring

pieces by Orazio Vecchi, Franz Schubert, Béla Bartók and Emma Lou Diemer. The concert also contains a variety of works from different eras and languages, with everything from madrigals to jazz.

The concert features the Chamber Singers and A Cappella Choir. A Cappella Choir is the university’s largest mixed choir of about 40 students. Chamber Singers is a smaller, auditioned group

of the A Cappella Choir. Both are under the direction of Professor Debra Lynn, director of vocal studies.

The concert will be in Cordier Auditorium on the North Manchester campus. General admission is free with a suggested donation of \$5. Mask and social distancing are required at all times.

Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.

VFW Post No. 286 plans fish fry Friday

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post No. 286 has planned a fish fry from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 19 at 3678 W. Old 24, according to Dan Ford.

The menu will include hand beer-battered fish, baked beans and coleslaw. The cost is \$9 per person. The event is open to the public. Carryout will be

available.

“Current COVID-19 restrictions (will be) observed,” said Ford.

For more information, call 260-563-2463.

DAR Frances Slocum Chapter holds March meeting

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 13 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Activity Room

STAFF REPORT

The monthly meeting of the Frances Slocum Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) took place on Tuesday, March 9 at the Grandstaff-Hentgen Activity Room, according to regent Barbara Amiss.

Special guests were Brenda Ramseyer, Linda Collins, Lisha Gatchel, Barbara Abrahamsson and Richard Baker.

The meeting opened with the DAR ritual, followed with devotions by Barbara Amiss. The chapter welcomed new member Phyllis Anne Schuler Little whose patriot is Spencer Stone.

The March President General’s message from Denise Doring VanBuren was shared by Joyce Joy-Baker.

“Spring- and hope – are right around the corner,” said VanBuren. “On or before April 1, an announcement will be issued regarding the format of Continental Congress. April 1 is also significant in that it is the estimated completion date for the \$14 million restorations of DAR Constitution Hall that

has been the focal point of this administration’s President General’s Project. We still have a long way to go in raising the necessary funds.”

The National Defender report was given by Amiss, on unknown facts about the Star-Spangled Banner. There were two flags used. Major George Armistead, commanding officer of Fort McHenry, ordered a large garrison flag – 30 feet by 42 feet – and a smaller storm flag – 17 feet by 25 feet – from Mary Young Pickersgill, a widowed ship and signal flag maker. It took Mary seven weeks to complete the flag, piecing together strips of loosely woven English wool bunting, on the floor of a brewery near Mrs. Pickersgill’s house. Committee Minutes were on American Indians, the constitution, conservation, the American flag, what you should know about tech support and scams and women’s issues.

The chapter is looking for a teacher in Wabash County to sponsor in the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund Classroom Grant Award Program; two \$500 grants are available per state. The goal of this grant program is to impact as many children in as many communities as possible. Each chapter is limited to sponsoring just one application per year

which is due May 1. If you are a teacher that is interested in this grant, call Amiss for more information and the application form.

The program was presented by award-winning pen and ink artist, Brenda Ramseyer, owner of The Art Giraffe Studio/Gallery. Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch announced Brenda’s pen and ink drawing as the winner for the Hoosier Woman Artist 2020 Award. Ramseyer’s picture of Women Suffragist and the 19th Amendment will hang in the Statehouse for two years. Ramseyer was honored as Akron Arts League 2014 Artist of the Year. Ramseyer said, “Art is a great leveler in education, it gives students the confidence to try other things. Kids will try it and be surprised at what they discover about themselves.”

The next meeting of the Frances Slocum Chapter will be Tuesday, April 13 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Activity Room, 1241 Manchester Ave. Prospective members and guests are always welcome to attend. DAR membership is open to any woman 18 years of age, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution.

For more information, visit www.dar.org or call Linda Thompson at 260-563-4661 or Amiss at 260-982-4376.

Indiana lawmakers pass bill to ensure school funding

By CASEY SMITH
Associated Press/Report for America

INDIANAPOLIS — A Senate bill aimed at ensuring Indiana’s public schools receive full funding for all students during the coronavirus pandemic is headed to the governor after lawmakers fast-tracked its passage Tuesday.

The bill redefines what constitutes a “virtual student” and ensures schools receive full funding for all students, regardless of whether they are receiving instruction virtually or in the classroom due to the coronavirus pandemic.

A twice-yearly count of students attending schools is used to determine how much money the state allots to each facility. According to the Senate bill, students will not be counted as “virtual” in the most recent fall and spring counts, even if most or all of their learning takes place online.

Without that change, an estimated \$160 million would be on the line for schools

using hybrid formats or offering instruction online only as a means to minimize the potential spread of COVID-19. Current state law caps per-pupil funding for students who take at least half their classes virtually at 85 percent of full in-person student funding.

The proposal prompted criticism from virtual learning supporters who questioned why the 85 percent rule exists at all, noting that the legislation exempts regularly full-time virtual schools.

Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Ryan Mishler additionally argued that the bill encourages kids to stay home and receive virtual education, which he said causes them to fall behind.

Most Indiana schools offered both in-person and online options this school year, though some have gone fully virtual at times during periods of peak coronavirus spread.

Still, the bill is a temporary fix because they would expire at the end of the spring 2021 semester. While Democratic lawmakers requested

extensions – in addition to language that would always exempt brick-and-mortar schools from the 85 percent reduction in funding – Rep. Tim Brown, chair of the House Ways and Means Committee, said lawmakers would wait to make decisions about future school funding until after larger state budget models are discussed.

State officials in September approved a similar method to maintain full funding for school districts during the fall semester. Legislators are now the ones tasked with finding a funding solution for the second half of the academic year.

Republican Gov. Eric Holcomb is expected to sign the legislation. He has maintained that he’s committed to not cutting education funding – even as other state agencies have reduced budgets. He also promised school leaders last summer they would receive 100 percent of state funding for each of their students, no matter how they receive their instruction.

Reward offered for tips on killing of bald eagle in Vigo County

TERRE HAUTE (AP) — A \$2,000 reward is being offered for information into the killing of a bald eagle in western Indiana.






The juvenile eagle was discovered in a tree in southern Vigo County on March 10 by people who regularly go

to that area to view eagles, Indiana conservation officers said. Officers determined the raptor died from a gunshot to the breast area.

A joint \$2,000 reward is being offered by the US Fish & Wildlife Service and Indiana Turn-in-a-Poacher





Inc. to anyone with information leading to a conviction of the responsible party. Contact Indiana Conservation Officers’ Central Dispatch at 812-837-9536 or the Turn in a Poacher Inc. hotline at 1-800-847-4367 (TIP-IDNR).

5-Day Weather Summary

 Wednesday Mostly Cloudy 63 / 51	 Thursday Showers Likely 58 / 34	 Friday Few Showers 47 / 28	 Saturday Sunny 53 / 32	 Sunday Sunny 62 / 39
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Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 7:52 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 7:49 a.m.

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Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a slight chance of showers, high temperature of 63°, humidity of 63%. East wind 6 to 11 mph. Expect cloudy skies tonight with an 85% chance of showers, overnight low of 51°. East wind 10 to 13 mph.

DAR Good Citizen Award announced

Rebecca Bruss named chapter winner and will compete for state honors

STAFF REPORT

Candidates from Wabash and North Manchester High Schools, selected by school faculty and their high school peers to compete for the Frances Slocum Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Good Citizen Award for 2020-21, have completed their work, according to regent Barbara Amiss.

The students, both seniors, include Maxton Lewis Carter and Rebecca Ann Bruss.

Bruss was named chapter winner and will compete at the next level for state DAR Good Citizen Honors.

Bruss is the daughter of Matthew and Bethany Bruss, of Wabash. At Wabash Jr.-Sr. High School she has received the AP Scholar Award, Scholar Athlete Award, a HOBY Leadership Delegate, MVP Girls Varsity Swim, Hamilton Student Choice Award, Honors Algebra II Award, Spanish 3 Award, Physics Award, AP World History Award and Super Nerd (Highest English Grade) Award. Her school activities include Eco Club, Swim Team, National Honors Society, Crossroads Bank Junior Board member, Spell Bowl, Super Bowl, Book Club, Artist Lecture Committee board member, National Technical Honor Society, Soccer Team, and Key Club. Her hobbies are cooking, guitar, swimming and running. Her career goal is a degree in environmental science or environmental geoscience, a career that positively impacts and restores the systems on earth.



Rebecca Bruss was named chapter winner and will compete at the next level for state DAR Good Citizen Honors.



The students who competed included Rebecca Ann Bruss, left, and Maxton Lewis Carter, right.

Maxton “Max” Carter is the son of Melissa Carter and Shannon Carter, North Manchester. At Manchester Jr.-Sr. High School he has received Basketball awards for Most Improved Player, All-Conference Team, All-County Team, Unified Flag Football Team – Sectional Champions, and National Honor Society. His school activities include playing Basketball, Unified Flag Football, AP Environmental Science, Anatomy and Biology. He is employed as a cook at Peabody Retirement Community and

worked at several pizza establishments in North Manchester. He especially enjoys serving breakfast to American veterans at the Sons of the American Legion of which he is a member. His career goal is a degree in zoology and playing basketball at the college and overseas level. Carter prides himself on being dependable as an important trait to carry with yourself because letting someone know they can count on you means something to that person and it lets them know that you care.

Evansville lawmaker named new Indiana secretary of state

By TOM DAVIES
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — A lawmaker from Evansville will become Indiana’s new secretary of state.


Gov. Eric Holcomb announced Tuesday that he had selected Republican state Rep. Holli Sullivan for the position. Sullivan will replace current Secretary of State Connie Lawson, who said last month she was resigning with nearly two years left in her elected term.

Sullivan was first elected to the Indiana House in 2014 and won a new term in last November’s election. She has also been the state Republican Party’s vice chair since 2019.

The secretary of state’s office oversees election

and voting issues, along with chartering businesses and regulating the securities industry.

The 71-year-old Lawson didn’t give a specific reason for her resignation decision, only saying that 2020 took a toll on her and that she was stepping down to focus on her health and family. Sullivan can run for a full four-year term in the 2022 election.



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Obituaries

Medicine for the soul

On the first ever papal visit to Iraq, Pope Francis said: “We know how easy it is to be infected by the virus of discouragement that at times seems to spread all around us.” He was talking to a persecuted people, but he was also talking to every one of us.

There’s been plenty of discouraging news recently. We’re marking a year since the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic that shut down so much of our “normal” lives and routines. And on March 10, some celebrated National Abortion Provider Appreciation Day, where doctors who perform abortions were likened to essential personnel. That served to remind us that in New York and other states with Democratic governors, abortions are considered an essential service, even, as in the case of New York, senior citizens were being left to die of COVID-19 in

nursing homes.

Pope Francis, in his first trip out of Rome in more than a year, went to Iraq and told it like it is. Since the beginning of the pandemic and earlier, he’s had the right diagnosis for our deeper sickness. Much of the news coverage of his Iraq trip focused on his unprecedented visit to the Grand Ayatollah, leader of the Shia Muslims in Iraq. But the heart of the visit was his ministering to the Iraqi Christians who have been victims of genocide carried out by the terrorist group ISIS.

As people get their COVID-19 vaccines, Pope Francis has another kind of medicine in mind. His healing comes from the hope born of prayer. With this vaccine, we can go forth with renewed strength, to share the joy of the Gospel as disciples and living signs of the presence of God’s kingdom of holiness, justice and peace.

At his final Mass of the trip, in Erbil, Pope Francis talked about how Jesus drove out from the temple in Jerusalem the money-changers and all the buyers

and sellers. Why did Jesus do something this forceful and provocative? He did it because his father sent him to cleanse the temple: not only the Temple of stone, but above all the temple of our heart.”

He continued: “Our heart must be cleansed, put in order and purified. Of what? Of the falsehoods that stain it, from hypocritical duplicity.”

Pope Francis emphasized: “We need to be cleansed of the deceptive securities that would barter our faith in God with passing things, with temporary advantages. We need the baneful temptations of power and money to be swept from our hearts and from the Church. To cleanse our hearts, we need to dirty our hands, to feel accountable and not to simply look on as our brothers and sisters are suffering.”

There’s a real danger that as we return to some semblance of “normal,” we’ll fall into all kinds of false securities again. With the temptations of social media and the like, it’s easier than ever to disappear into our own bubbles, surrounded by people who think and

act as we do – or as we like to think we do – and where the real troubles of our lives and our world can be blithely ignored.

Pope Francis was speaking to a resilient people who have been through a purifying experience. The majority of the Christians in Erbil fled there when ISIS came to Mosul. Their lives were upended because they refused to renounce Christ. Our lives were upended, too. Not by genocide, but COVID-19 – for some of us in heartbreaking ways, as it took loved ones and prevented us from being with them in their last moments. For others of us, it was more a matter of inconvenience and some mental anguish of fear. Could it be that it’s all an opportunity to get our lives in order, to get right with God?

Kathryn Jean Lopez is senior fellow at the National Review Institute, editor-at-large of National Review magazine and author of the new book “A Year With the Mystics: Visionary Wisdom for Daily Living.” She is also chair of Cardinal Dolan’s pro-life commission in New York. She can be contacted at klopez@nationalreview.com.

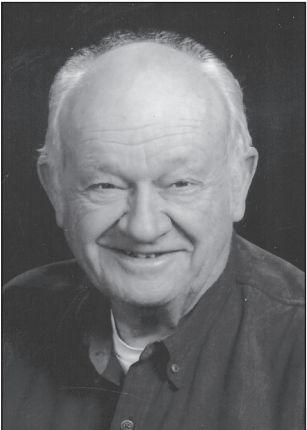
Jim Dean Krom

July 14, 193 – March 16, 2021

Jim Dean Krom, 82, of rural Urbana, Indiana, died at 5:09 am, Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at Parkview Huntington Hospital. He was born July 14, 1938 in Wabash County, Indiana, to Hubert and Rhea (Denney) Krom.

Jim was a 1957 graduate of Urbana High School. He married Carol Frieden in North Manchester, Indiana on Sept. 21, 1957. Jim was the owner and operator of H&K Wrecker Service for 55 years. He was also a volunteer fireman with the Urbana Volunteer Fire Department, serving as Fire Chief or Assistant Chief for 30 years. Jim was a member of the Roann Christian Church, the Indiana Towing and Wrecker Association, 18 year member of the Wabash County 4H Fair Board, and a former member of the Urbana Lions Club. He enjoyed old tractors and old wreckers.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Krom of rural Urbana, four sons, Chris Krom of Panhandle, Texas, Tony (Rosie) Krom, Terry (Carla) Krom, and Todd (Lisa) Krom, all of Wabash, Indiana, 10 grandchildren, Nick (Megan) Krom of Urbana, Kimberly Krom of Wabash, Jeremy (Brittney) Krom of Roann, Andrew (Nikki) Krom of North Manchester, Keri (Chris) Schultz of Wabash, Joni (Jesse) Fox of Liberty Center, Indiana, Amy (Jared) Osborn of



Peru, Taylor (Clark) Becker of Reelsville, Indiana, Lane Keaffaber and Erin Keaffaber, both of Oregon, 18 great grandchildren, sister, Lynn Knee of Fort Wayne, and sister-in-law, Nancy Krom of Wabash. He was preceded in death by his parents, step mother Leonore Krom, brother, Jack Krom, and brother-in-law, Dan Knee.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m., Friday, March 19, 2021, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Brian Chamberlain and Larry Wade officiating. Burial will be in St. Peter’s Cemetery, Urbana. Friends may call 2-8 p.m. Thursday, at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are Urbana Fire Department or the Urbana Yoke Parish.

The memorial guest book for Jim may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Anxiety, confusion, terror, relief: Giving birth in pandemic

By **LEANNE ITALIE**
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Pregnancy, birth and life with a newborn in the middle of a pandemic has brought on high anxiety, ever-shifting hospital protocols and intense isolation for many of the millions of women who have done it around the world.

As the pandemic stretches into a second year and economic worry persists, demographers are studying the reasons for an anticipated pandemic baby bust. Women, meanwhile, have learned to go through labor in masks and to introduce fresh arrivals to loved ones through windows.

Fear, anxiety and chaos were particularly acute in New York City during the early months of the pandemic in what was one of the country’s most devastating hot spots.

Whitnee Hawthorne gave birth to her second son May 7 in a New York hospital. Ten months later, her baby has yet to meet his paternal grandparents, who live in Louisiana.

“Our first son met them the second week of his life,” said Hawthorne, whose husband was thankfully by her side after a ban on birth partners during delivery was lifted at their hospital several weeks before her time.

As a Black woman, she said, she had decided she would leave the state rather than be in labor alone.

“I’m keenly aware of the high maternal death rates for Black women and also, having had a negative experience with a nurse during my first birth, I was scared,” Hawthorne said.

Like Hawthorne, Nneoma Madiuke was masked when she gave birth Aug. 1 to her second child, a son, after a pregnancy filled with unknowns.

“The anxiety was absolutely awful. Information was evolving as quickly as anything you can imagine,” said Madiuke, who lives in Brooklyn. “I didn’t know what guidance to follow. My husband’s a doctor and he was still going in every single day and that brought on even more anxiety.”

Twenty-four hours after a cesarean section, Madiuke was cleared to go home. Hospitals at the time were attempting to protect new mothers and babies from the virus by shuffling them out early, lightening the load as well on skeleton staffs.

While her husband was on hand for the birth, neither knew the hospital would require their newborn to stay in Madiuke’s room, rather than the nursery, as a precaution. Her husband went home

to be with their older child, leaving her to care for the baby alone soon after surgery. Then it was a struggle getting her husband back inside the hospital due to safety concerns.

There were no visitors, of course, in stark contrast to her first delivery. No friends were permitted to drop by the hospital with balloons, flowers and food. Madiuke’s mother, who lives in Texas, didn’t move in for an extended stay after the baby came home, a tradition in their Nigerian culture. Her mother did manage a far shorter visit, but with little time to gather the many ingredients for jollof rice, a yam pepper soup offered to new moms after birth.

Madiuke won’t soon forget meeting her baby in a mask. “There’s something so sad about that,” she said. “You’re terrified to eliminate that barrier because you just don’t know.”

Due to pandemic travel restrictions, her father remains stuck in Nigeria and still hasn’t met her baby.

Liz Teich and her husband moved with their 3-year-old in February 2020 from Brooklyn to suburban New Rochelle before she gave birth to their second child about two months later. They landed within a containment zone in one of the earliest

COVID surges in the U.S. The hospital, under pressure from women due to deliver there, had just lifted its ban on birth partners in the delivery room when Teich went into labor.

“My husband had to leave the hospital two hours after the birth,” she said. “I was lucky. I suffered hemorrhaging after the first birth. I was really concerned to be alone during a pandemic when the hospital was short-staffed.”

Thirty hours after giving birth, Teich and her baby were home.

“I didn’t even shower. I was too scared to touch the bathroom. We didn’t know if the virus was airborne or whether it was on surfaces, or really anything about the virus at all. I mostly labored at home because I was too scared to go,” she said.

Teich found herself doubled over in a hospital parking garage during contractions less than two minutes apart after circling with her husband looking for a spot because valet service had been eliminated. She didn’t want to be dropped off, fearing he wouldn’t be allowed in on his own.

“I thought, you know, if I give birth in the car it might be safer than in the hospital,” she laughed.

The pain of separation was felt in other ways, too.

Glen Leemar LaFollette

March 30, 1931 – March 15, 2021

Glen Leemar LaFollette, 89, of Wabash, passed away at 3:07 a.m. on Monday, March 15, 2021 at Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne. Glen was born in Wabash on the 30th of March 1931.

Glen was a 1950 graduate of Wabash High School. He married Barbara Ann Cattin on Aug. 25, 1951; she survives.

Per Glen’s request, there will be no public services.

A private graveside service for family will be at Falls Cemetery.

McDonald Funeral Homes, 231 Falls Avenue, Wabash, Indiana 46992, have been entrusted with the arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.mcdonaldfunerals.com.

Cynthia “Cindy” McNear, 62, of Lagro, Indiana, died March 14, 2021 at Lutheran Hospital. She was born Sept. 23, 1958 in Huntington, Indiana.

There are no services. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

Paul ‘Ray’ Webb

Services for Paul “Ray” Webb, 74, of Wabash, Indiana were 10 a.m., Saturday, March 13, 2021 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash. Rev. Venny VanHoose and Rev. Tim Webb officiated. Debbie Smith was the organist, Zach Smith and the Southside Freewill Baptist Church youth choir were

the vocalists, and Ronnie Spriggs was the guitarist. Pallbearers were Mitchell Webb, Mark Webb, Alex Webb, Venny VanHoose, Tim Webb, and Rick Webb. Honorary pallbearer was Cletus Webb. Burial was in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Military honors by the Wright-Patterson Honors Team.

Jesuits in U.S. pledge \$100M for racial reconciliation

By **DAVID CRARY**
AP National Writer

The U.S.-based branch of the Jesuits has unveiled ambitious plans for a “truth and reconciliation” initiative in partnership with descendants of people once enslaved by the Roman Catholic order. The Jesuits pledge to raise \$100 million within five years with a broader goal of reaching \$1 billion from an array of donors in pursuit of racial justice and racial healing.

Even the smaller amount represents the largest financial pledge thus far from a U.S. religious institution, as a variety of them nationwide seek to make amends for their past involvement in slavery and racial oppression.

Partnering with the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States in the initiative is the GU272 Descendants Association, which represents the descendants of 272 enslaved men, women and children sold by the Jesuit owners of Georgetown

University to plantation owners in Louisiana in 1838.

Together, the two parties have formed the Descendants Truth & Reconciliation Foundation to oversee fundraising and allocate grants. Already, the Jesuits have placed \$15 million in a trust that will finance the effort.

The foundation’s acting president is Joe Stewart, one of more than 1,000 descendants of Isaac Hawkins, an enslaved man who was among those sold in 1838.

Stewart said many Americans understand the wrongs of slavery and segregation yet are divided over approaches to reconciliation and reparations.

“We hope what we’ve created here is an offer to join us in a peaceful and loving approach to removing your shame,” Stewart said Tuesday. “There are a lot of people who want to be a part of change – we hope we’re providing the answer to, ‘What do I do?’”

The foundation’s plan calls for the Jesuits to raise \$100 million through their own

fundraising network, and the \$1 billion figure would be attained with support from corporations, foundations and the general public, Stewart said.

Atoning for its slaveholding past has been a recurring issue at Georgetown. The Washington, D.C., university’s administration and student body both took steps in 2019 to extend financial support to descendants of the people sent to Louisiana.

Three years earlier, the president of the Jesuits’ conference, the Rev. Tim Kesicki, had an initial meeting with Stewart to discuss a possible reconciliation project.

“Hearing what it felt like, that the church that baptized him had held his ancestors as slaves – it’s a life-changing feeling,” Kesicki said. “You can walk away, which is what we’ve done as a country, or you can embrace it.”

That reckoning requires organizations and institutions examine their histories pertaining to slavery and acknowledge how their current

status is built on that history.

Details on how the funds will be spent remain to be worked out. But Stewart said roughly half of the grant money would go to organizations and initiatives seeking to promote racial justice and reconciliation. Some other funds would provide scholarships and other educational support for descendants of the 272.

“We will have programs in three to five years,” Stewart said. “But that will never be as important as what we do over the long run, the next 50 to 100 years.”

“We’re talking about dismantling the continuing legacy of slavery,” he said. “The way to get there is bring the whole nation along and face the truth about that history.”

Stewart said he and other leaders of the initiative do not consider it to be a form of reparations – a topic that has created conflict.

“We’re taking a positive approach not based on individual stipends,” he said. “It’s transformative rather than paycheck.”

Michelle Obama aims to give a million meals in new campaign

By **HALELUYA HADERO**
Associated Press

Michelle Obama is launching a nonprofit campaign that aims to provide more than 1 million meals to food-insecure families in connection with the debut Tuesday of her children’s food show on Netflix.

The “Pass the Love w/ Waffles + Mochi” initiative, named after the new series “Waffles + Mochi,” is a collaborative campaign by the nonprofit Partnership for a Healthier America, its honorary chair Obama and Higher Ground Productions, the production company owned by the former first lady and her husband, former President Barack Obama.

The nonprofit says the campaign was inspired by the series, which tells the story of two puppet friends who “travel the world exploring the wonders of food and culture while learning how to cook with fresh ingredients.”

Walmart and Blue Apron have jumped in to support the initiative, which also aims to “leverage the show, its characters, and Mrs. Obama to meaningfully shift our food culture toward more affordable, fun, at-home meals for families of every income level,” according to the nonprofit.

PHA President and CEO Nancy Roman told The Associated Press that the two companies will contribute funds to the campaign and raise money for it among their customers. More than half the money is expected to come from the public, Roman says.

The nonprofit was created in conjunction with Michelle Obama’s Let’s Move! effort in 2010. The former first lady, who has long been a champion of healthy eating, said in the announcement last week that the idea is to “help make sure families all over the country can access fresh, nutritious food” amid the devastating impacts of the coronavirus pandemic.

Happy host declines help in the kitchen with a poem

DEAR ABBY: I have seen letters in your column from people upset that their guests don't help them after dinner. I am the opposite. I held onto a poem you printed years ago and had it perma-plaque'd and posted on a kitchen cabinet.

For more than 20 years, my husband and I hosted a dinner every Sunday after church. I set the table for 10, but we often had more. When guests offered to help, I handed them a copy of that poem. Could you print it again for your readers? — Faithful Follower In Massachusetts

DEAR FOLLOWER: Gladly. That poem has been requested many times over the years. It resonates with hosts who are territorial about their space when entertaining. It is included in my booklet "Keepers," which is a collection of poems, essays and letters readers have told me they clipped and saved to reread until they were yellowed with age and fell apart. You were clever to perma-plaque yours. "Keepers" is both witty and philosophical. It covers many subjects including children, parenting, animals, aging, death, forgiveness and more. It can be ordered by sending your name and address, plus check or money order for \$8 (U.S. funds) to Dear Abby Keepers Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price.

It's a quick and easy read as well as an inexpensive gift for newlyweds, pet lovers, new parents and anyone grieving or recovering from an illness.

STAY OUT OF MY KITCHEN by Susan Sawyer
Please stay away from my kitchen

From my dishwashing, cooking and such;

You were kind to have offered to pitch in

But thanks, no, thank you so much!

Please don't think me ungracious

When I ask that you leave me alone;

For my kitchen's not any too spacious

And my routine is strictly my own.

Tell you what: You stay out of my kitchen

With its sodden, hot, lack-luster lures --

When you're here, stay out of my kitchen

And I promise to stay out of yours!

DEAR ABBY: I had weight-loss surgery six months ago. I haven't had the dramatic transformation that some people experience. I've only lost about 50 pounds.

My problem is, friends who know I had the operation keep asking me how much weight I lost. I think it's a rude question and none of their business. I understand people are curious, especially since they haven't seen me in person because of COVID restrictions. How do I answer without saying, "None of your business"? — Losing In New Jersey

DEAR LOSING: Your friends may just be curious and want to congratulate you on a big loss, and 50 pounds is one. That said, you do not have to answer every question that is asked. All you need to say is, "I'll let you guess once you see me again." If they ask for a hint, stick to your guns and change the subject. Then consider this: They may be gauging the success of your surgery for themselves.

DEAR READERS: Today's the day for the wearing of the green. A very happy St. Patrick's Day to you all! — Love, Abby

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Party fabric
- 4 Rainbow
- 7 Pinch hitter
- 10 Mess up
- 11 Pet plea
- 13 Dove's shelter
- 14 Go for the gold
- 15 Lamb's alias
- 16 J, in JFK
- 17 Look closely
- 19 Make a mad dash
- 20 Install tile
- 21 Brand of spandex
- 23 Rookie reporters
- 26 Atelier stand
- 28 Oz. or tsp.
- 29 Banned bug spray
- 30 Prudential competitor
- 34 Hawaii's — Loa
- 36 Above, to poets
- 38 Holed up

39 Inventory list

- 41 The strong, silent —
- 42 Food on a skewer
- 44 Resort
- 46 Swift horse
- 47 Width
- 51 Lass
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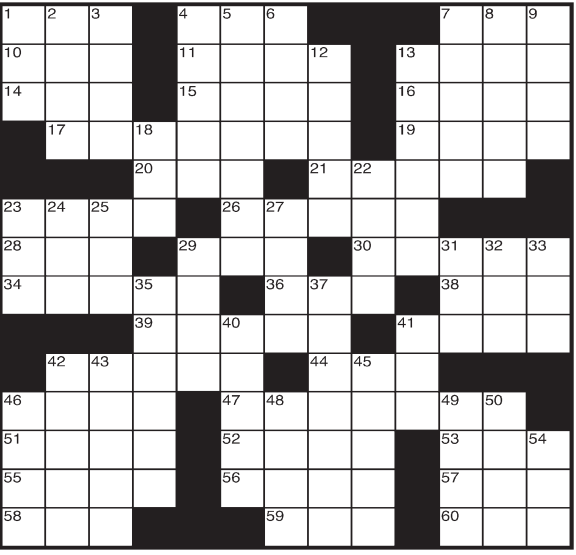
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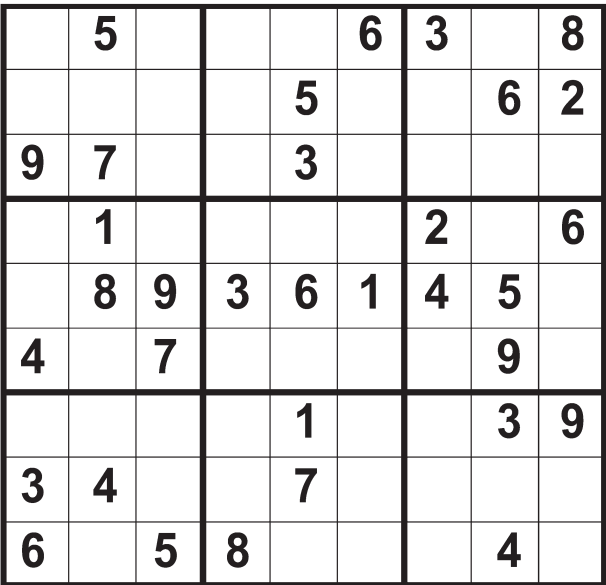
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- 33 Fruit cooler
- 35 Gnaw
- 37 Gist
- 40 Receded
- 41 Youngster
- 42 Tiny shrimp
- 43 At dawn
- 45 Grade school adhesive
- 46 Epochs
- 48 Drubbing
- 49 Valuable wood
- 50 Ring of light
- 54 Actress — Hagen



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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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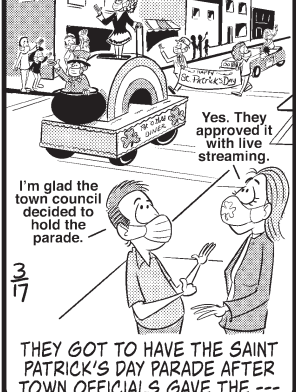
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Saturday's Jumbles: MINOR TURBO HANDLE SWIVEL

Answer: Knowing about synonyms makes it easy to clarify things — IN OTHER WORDS

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

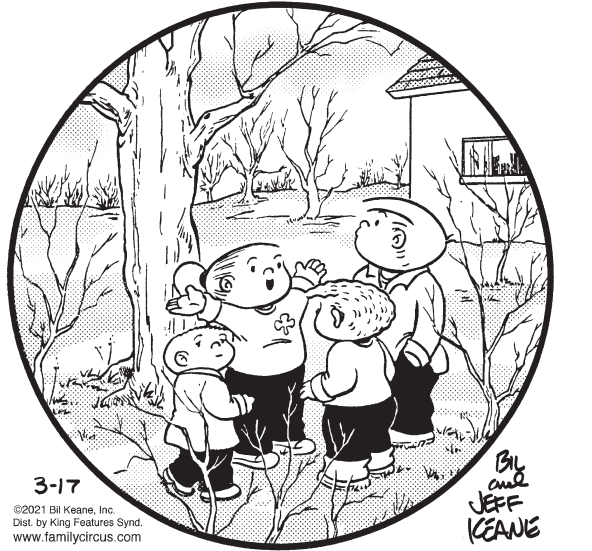
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

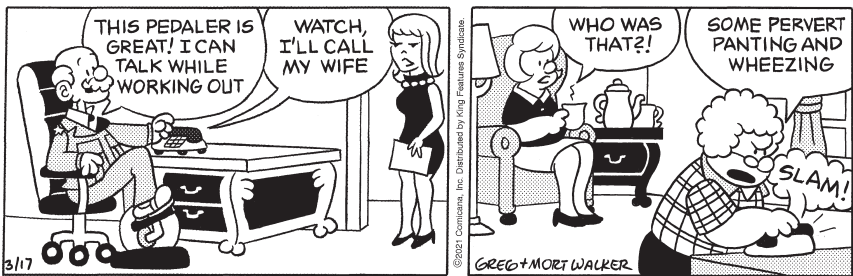
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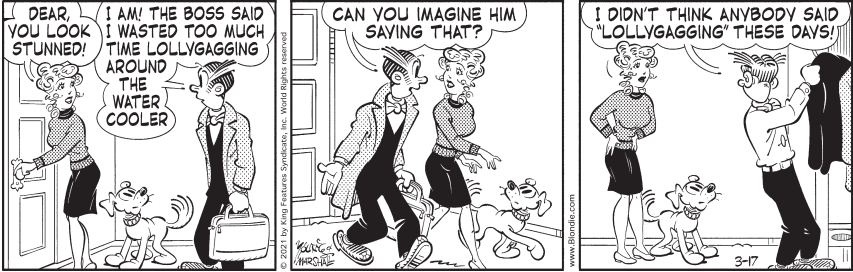


"They should move St. Patrick's Day to April. The world would be greener then."

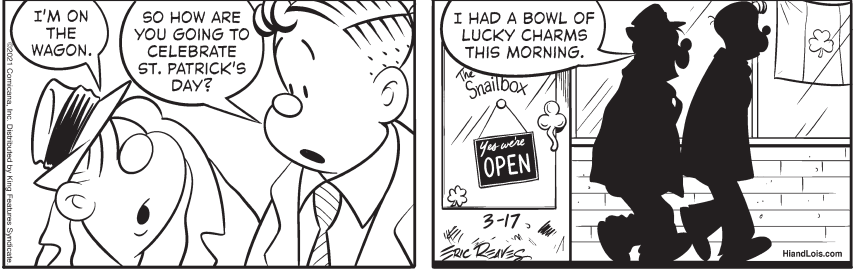
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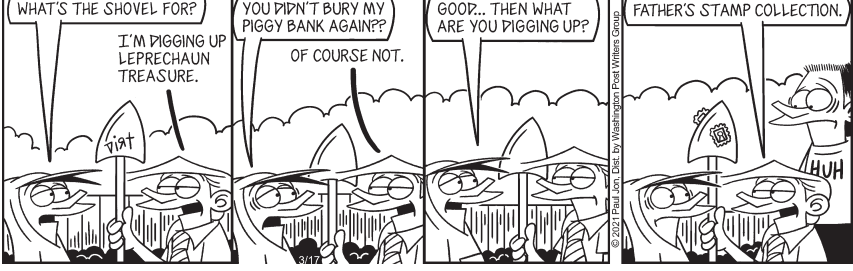
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PICKLES



Science cannot change the seasons, the rising of the sun, or the setting of the moon

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: So much is said these days about "believing the science." I am an educator but I think people are confused when hearing this because in recent months science has not been absolute

in its analysis of a virus that doesn't seem to go away. I am not sure if science is to blame or the people that rely on the science? — S.A.

A: Society puts a great deal of hope in technological progress and science is learning to control just about everything but man. More important than electricity, technology, and medicine are the issues of the heart. Solve the problems of hate, lust, greed, and prejudice —

which produce social strife and ultimately war — and the world would be a different place.

Our future is threatened by many dangers, but they all stem from the heart. Greater than the enemy outside is the enemy within — sin. No matter how advanced its progress, civilizations that neglect its spiritual and moral life will eventually disintegrate. This is the history of mankind, and it is our problem still today. Science

cannot change the seasons, the rising of the sun, or the setting of the moon. Nor can man's knowledge change human nature. When doubt reigns, faith cannot abide. Where hatred rules, love is crowded out.

Where man has failed, God has succeeded. Keep His Word at the center of your life and remember what the Bible says, "The fear [reverence] of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge" (Proverbs 1:7).

CELEBRITY CIPHER

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

"SFMN (SFD MWMNF) MN GTD WJED GV RDGRYD VGW BFGH RNOEFGJTJYONMN MN GV TG ZND BFJSNGDADW." — NMLHZTU VWDZU

Previous Solution: "If the world should blow itself up, the last audible voice would be that of an expert saying it can't be done." — Peter Ustinov

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge.

James 4:11

Biden’s stimulus will affect the whole world

For the decade after the 2008/2009 financial crisis, many commentators pointed out that monetary policy had become the “only game in town.” With governments concerned to repair their balance sheets as tax revenues collapsed following the financial crisis, it was left up to central bankers to try to stimulate the economy through cheap money and unconventional asset-purchase programs. The gargantuan fiscal stimulus package that will soon pass the US Congress will end this regime. The shift will have significance far beyond America’s borders.

The OECD’s latest economic outlook forecasts that US president Joe Biden’s program of government spending – worth 8.5 percent of US national income – together with the rapid rollout of vaccination efforts, will lift global income by 1 percent this year. The Paris-based think-tank estimates that the world economy will expand 5.6 percent this year from its pandemic-induced low – up from its previous 4.2 percent forecast last December.

A booming US economy means economic demand will “spill over” into the rest of the world, particularly its nearest neighbors and most important trading partners Mexico and Canada as well as export-oriented economies

in east Asia and Europe. For advanced economies, which borrow in their currencies, the implications of faster growth in the US is almost entirely positive – increasing potential exports as well as encouraging the “risk-on” sentiment that boosts investment.

An overheating US – if the greater demand for goods and services leads to capacity constraints and causes higher inflation – could, however, trigger higher interest rates globally. Investors are betting that the Federal Reserve will either be forced into increasing rates to choke off inflationary pressure or feel comfortable removing stimulus as the economy returns to something near full employment. Members of the European Central Bank’s board are already concerned that this could raise financing costs – reducing the effectiveness of their stimulus efforts in a region where monetary policy remains by far the largest form of stimulus.

Poorer countries that struggle to borrow in their currencies will find it harder to adjust. Rising rates will reverse some of the capital flows that have financed fragile economies and led to a stronger dollar, especially if the US recovery diverges from other rich countries. The most exposed countries are in a better position today

than during the 2013 “taper tantrum,” when the Fed suggested it would begin to reduce the pace of asset purchases, and emerging market currencies plummeted. Many have spent the intervening period building up reserves to protect against similar outflows and reduce their reliance on external, dollar-denominated finance.

Higher public sector debt loads, however, mean that for many poor countries rising rates will make themselves felt through government deficits as much as current account deficits – higher interest costs could mean some governments struggle to service debt. Rising commodity prices – lifted by both Chinese and US stimulus efforts – will help exporters but add to the woes of importers.

Ultimately, though, the policy mix is an improvement on the post-2008 reliance on monetary policy. If the OECD is right about the impact of Biden’s stimulus program – and there is good reason to think it will be – then a stronger US economy will help to drive a global recovery. It would be even better if the world no longer had to rely on just one source for stimulus and other rich countries were similarly ambitious.

This editorial was first published in the Financial Times.



On the QT, the card game is on

We’re about to have our first weekly bridge game after a year-long hiatus, and I admit to some trepidation.

We’re old geezers, so we will gather with COVID-vaccination protection, but our pandemic overlords have insisted that we stay masked and do social distancing until the Earth’s core cools or the Sun explodes, whichever comes first. So, we might be a little nervous at first as we imagine the possibility of getting raided.

I imagine we might have a lookout, just like the Speakeasies used to employ (but we will be known as a Breathe-Easy), perhaps the 30-something hanger-on who hasn’t had his second shot yet.

He will yell, “Cheese it, the cops!” if the COVID Task Force arrives, giving us time to hide the evidence, the way bookies used to swallow the betting slips and pretend to be doing something benign, like, well, playing bridge.

(Note to younger readers: A “bookie” was the seedy low-life who facilitated gambling, when it was immoral and illegal, before the state took it over and declared buying a lottery ticket an honorable act

of sacrifice to fellow Hoo-siers.)

So, if The Man shows up, he will find us not huddled close together over a bridge table, but sitting in the four corners of the room, properly masked, using our reach-it sticks to deposit our cards on a blanket in the middle of the floor.

“Yes, officer,” one of us will say in all innocence, “may we help you? Is there a problem?” (Note to woke readers: “The Man” is slang for “police officer,” not meant to evoke the hurtfulness of the man-woman paradigm back when we lived in a binary, judgmental patriarchy.)

Failing such an interruption, I suspect the match will go smoothly, with one or two minor hitches.

One of us might slow things down a bit, rushing to the bathroom between every deal to wash his hands over and over.

Another might get the shakes when he accepts a glass of iced tea and realizes how close the host came to touching his hand.

The first person who clears his throat will be suspected of coughing and glared at until he sticks his head in his armpit and pretends to do the right thing.

And I might get a little impatient.

“Will you please shuffle faster? My God, you’re going to wear them out.”

“Hey, I’m an old man, my

shuffle ain’t what it used to be. You’ve been playing bridge online, haven’t you?”

“Yes, and the cards show up immediately. I could play five hands in the time it takes you to deal.”

I need to decide what to wear – it should probably be something other than my ratty bathrobe. Somewhere in the back of my closet, I know I have a pair of pants that aren’t blue jeans and actual shoes that don’t look like house slippers.

And I really ought to get a haircut and a beard trim. I’ve noticed lately that the mail carrier backs slowly away when he sees me through the front door.

I’ve been practicing my social skills. If I remember correctly, people in informal gatherings once filled the silence with small talk, idle chitchat about the weather and sports and pets and family, even venturing into politics and religion if they felt brave enough.

I’m a little rusty, but I have a few good lines.

“Hey, have you seen the governor’s new beard? It is very nicely trimmed.”

“Read any banned books lately? You aren’t consorting with any canceled people, are you?”

And, if I feel brave enough: “Hey, how about that virus, huh?”

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LETTERS

Celebrate Novruz Bayram 2021

On Saturday, March 20, some 400,000 Azerbaijani-Americans, among other ethnic groups tracing their origin to Eurasia, will be celebrating Novruz Bayram – their New Year. As an ancient holiday, Novruz signifies the beginning of spring or the vernal equinox.

Novruz celebrations are a wonderful tradition going back several millenniums. Novruz is kids-friendly, has many fun traditions and practices associated with it – from planting wheatgrass, coloring eggs and preparing sweets to jumping over bonfires and doing housecleaning. Novruz was inscribed by UNESCO on the List of the

Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. This ancient, peaceful and fun tradition brings not just Azerbaijanis but all people closer, celebrates nature, increases dialogue between civilizations, promotes mutual understanding and cultural diversity. We all need more of this nowadays.

**Naida Khalilova
Fort Wayne**

Individuals push our nation forward

By REBECCA BRUSS

A person may seem small or insignificant in comparison to the wide expanse of our nation, but as unassuming as they may appear, these individuals push our nation forward.

In the beginning stages of change, it takes one person to notice a problem and act on it; it is not until this one person’s word meets another interested ear that the movement truly launches, creating a snowball effect. Supporting individual passions is crucial to creating nationwide change, and the combined actions of many individual citizens makes the largest impact. Two reasons the actions of other citizens are important to overall success is they can hold each other accountable and bring different perspectives.

First, an important aspect of multiple people coming together to achieve a goal is that they can hold everyone accountable. From time to time, one may forget why he or she is working toward an aspiration, losing sight of the purpose on a larger scale. However, efforts of others – including their words of encouragement, passion for work, and drive to succeed – can spark one’s inspiration once again. Pulling inspiration from others is essential to continue one’s passions to its fullest potential and creating a nationwide change. I have always felt passionate about the plight of the environment, but for most of my life, I also felt the problem was too daunting to make a significant impact myself. Not until my English teacher sophomore year spoke about success stories and possible careers involving sustainability did I fully realize I can be a “mover and shaker” of my country, no longer ignoring my duty to create change. My English teacher pushed me to realize my purpose and act on it, showing the importance of other’s roles in holding one accountable to achieving one’s purpose and making a difference.

Second, another crucial factor that comes with many citizens working toward a vision is that different perspectives are “brought into the picture.” Differing perspectives are key to a successful change, especially nationwide, because they allow people to see more than one way to complete a goal and factors one may not be aware of. Luckily, others can help bring these ideas and potential issues to the forefront. On a small scale, for example, when beginning to start a recycling program in my school, I had to look to my school’s staff and peers to help me. I did not know how a recycling program could run in the school without talking to my school’s staff, and I did not know how to engage the school’s students into using them without talking to my peers. On a larger scale, the method would work the same way; not one person in the world knows perfectly all there is about their work without other perspectives to guide them.

Our nation is built off of the passions and dedication of countless individuals across the country. Without citizens throughout past centuries wanting to act on injustices to improve our nation, the citizens of today would not be where they are, and it is the power of the citizens today to create a better nation for the citizens of tomorrow. Nothing can topple a country with the combined accountability and perspectives of so many people dedicated to moving our nation forward.

Candidates for the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Good Citizen Award, presented by the Frances Slocum Chapter, wrote themes on the subject, “Our American Heritage and Our Responsibility for Preserving It.” The focus question was, “How do the combined actions of so many good citizens keep our nation moving forward?” Each candidate is given a supervised two-hour time limit, no more than 550 words, reference materials other than a dictionary must not be used, the essay may not be edited or corrected by anyone other than the student, and then only within the allotted time limit. Rebecca Ann Bruss, of Wabash High School, has been selected winner of the award and her theme.

Don’t be distracted from the real world

By MAXTON CARTER

With our nation, there are very many different ways for us to be distracted from the real world and what is happening around us. But what also comes with our nation is helping us be aware and conscious about the nation we are not so much a part of, such as what is happening across our country in another state and even somewhere in our state.

With technology, as bad as some people think, the benefits are limitless. There are a countless number of things you can learn or see whether it is how to do something or even considering something to find yourself with a new viewpoint on a topic. While volunteering at the American Legion serving breakfast to veterans, my mindset has changed from the clothing that they wear. They represent what they have done in the service and that means a lot to them as it does citizens of not just our town but our nation as well. Putting yourself in somebody else’s shoes is not just a saying but in my eyes a way to live. Being bold enough to witness what someone else goes through is vital to why they are the way they are and why they do some of the things they do. Understanding this could help you better help them.

Everybody has a background. Everybody has a place where they came from and they know what they have seen, done or what has been done to them. An individual who does not understand why someone is doing something may simply not know the circumstances that person is in. To see a person give quality care to an individual or our country is beyond a measurement of feeling. It is a sign of peace within our nation. Sharing your knowledge will not only help the person or persons you are sharing it with as it will benefit you too, by explaining your knowledge and giving you a positive feeling from being able to help others.

Our unsettling nation is on the progression path by combining individuals with good intentions and positive actions that spread contagiously and reach people across our country through word of mouth or also by social media. The more people with vigilance and empathy, the more peace we have been shared across the map while helping people who may not have the same advantages that we have or have had. Playing on our high school’s Unified Flag Football team has taught me more than a lot about compassion. To be able to see special needs students enjoy the sport of football as much was more than heartwarming but just a completely fulfilled joy sensation.

With the combined actions of good citizens, the message of their doings may or may not be seen or heard nationally but it is still done and is bringing prosperity. Our nation is going to continue moving forward if we continue to be empathetic and conscious about what is going on around us. Our nation is moving forward by the people who have good intentions and are spreading their actions. It is not just helping people that make someone a good citizen but it is also helping the environment you live in and around.

Maxton Lewis Carter represented Manchester Jr.-Sr. High School.

Schools weigh whether to seat students closer together

By COLLIN BINKLEY
Associated Press

BOSTON — New evidence that it may be safe for schools to seat students 3 feet apart — half of the previous recommended distance — could offer a way to return more of the nation’s children to classrooms with limited space.

Even as more teachers receive vaccinations against COVID-19, social distancing guidelines have remained a major hurdle for districts across the U.S. Debate around the issue flared last week when a study suggested that masked students can be seated as close as 3 feet apart with no increased risk to them or teachers.

Published in the journal Clinical Infectious Diseases, the research looked at schools in Massachusetts, which has backed the 3-foot guideline for months. Illinois and Indiana are also allowing 3 feet of distance, and other states such as Oregon are considering doing the same.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is now exploring the idea too. The agency’s director,

Dr. Rochelle Walensky, said the 6-foot guideline is “among the biggest challenges” schools have faced in reopening.

The CDC included the larger spacing in its latest school guidelines, which were issued in February and concluded that schools can safely operate during the pandemic with masks, distancing and other precautions. It suggested 6 feet and said physical distancing “should be maximized to the greatest extent possible.”

Other organizations have issued more relaxed guidelines, including the World Health Organization, which urges 1 meter in schools. The American Academy of Pediatrics says to space desks “3 feet apart and ideally 6 feet apart.”

Dan Domenech, executive director of AASA, a national superintendents group, said he expects more states and schools to move to the 3-foot rule in coming weeks. With the larger guideline, he said, most schools only have space to bring back half of their students at a time. Moving to 3 feet could allow about 75

percent at a time, he said.

“There are districts that have been doing 3 feet for quite some time without experiencing any greater amount of infection,” he said.

In Illinois, health officials said last week that students can be seated 3 feet apart as long as their teachers are vaccinated. Before, state officials required 6 feet.

With the state’s blessing, the Barrington district near Chicago reopened middle schools Tuesday using the smaller spacing rule. Any student will be allowed to attend in-person classes, although the district expects roughly 30 percent to continue with remote learning.

Questions around spacing have led to a battle in Massachusetts, where teachers and some schools oppose a state plan to bring younger students back five days a week starting next month. The plan calls on schools to seat students 3 feet apart, although many have been using 6 feet as a standard. Districts that fail to meet the reopening deadline would risk losing state funding.

The Massachusetts Teach-

ers Association, a statewide union, argues that seating students closer will increase the risk for everyone in the classroom. It also poses a problem for districts that have agreed to contracts with teachers adopting the 6-foot rule as a requirement.

“They can’t just throw 6 feet out the window. They can’t throw away what has been agreed upon,” said Merrie Najimy, president of the union. “If they can’t make it work, then they’re going to have to come to a new agreement.”

Public schools in Worcester are among those pushing back against the closer spacing. Tracy O’Connell Novick, a member of the district school committee, said switching to the 3-foot standard would be “betting the health” of thousands of students and staff.

In Boston’s public schools, desks will be spaced at least 3 feet apart, but teachers and staff will be asked to keep 6 feet from students and other staff when feasible, district spokesperson Xavier Andrews said. Schools will also use larger rooms and

outdoor spaces to keep students at a safe distance, he said.

In some states that already allow 3-foot spacing, schools say they have seen no evidence of increased risk. School officials in Danville, Indiana, which moved to 3 feet in October, said students have been in the classroom all year with no uptick in virus transmission.

“It’s gone very well for us. I won’t say there has been no transmission, but it’s been staggeringly low — like one time or something like that,” said Tim McRoberts, vice president of the school board. “We’ve kept our doors open. We’ve had no temporary shutdowns.”

In Ohio, Cincinnati’s school board got an earful from parents and others last month when it proposed resuming in-person learning at the crowded Walnut Hills High School under a model that called for distancing of only 3 feet there while its other schools would use 6 feet.

The critics included Walnut Hills teacher Brandon Keller, who said the plan was dangerous. He warned

the board that their decision “will have a body count.”

Board members backed off on reopening that school, then weeks later narrowly voted for a plan that included a phased reopening, but they also warned that the physical distancing might be less than 6 feet. Students also have options to continue learning virtually.

Seven superintendents in central Oregon sent a letter to Gov. Kate Brown last week asking the state to relax some of its social distancing rules — including the 6-foot barrier — so that more students can return to class full time.

Oregon’s Crook County School District, which has had students in classrooms most of the school year, has found that masks, contact tracing and sending students home when they show symptoms are the most effective means of combating the virus.

“The 6-foot rule doesn’t make as much sense as the other safety measures,” district spokesperson Jason Carr said. “What may have made sense two months ago or at the beginning of the year might not now.”

‘I don’t need the vaccine’: GOP worries threaten virus fight

By JILL COLVIN and
HEATHER HOLLINGSWORTH
Associated Press

FRONT ROYAL, Va. — In this rural swath of Virginia’s Shenandoah Valley, former President Donald Trump remains deeply admired, with lawn signs and campaign flags still dotting the landscape. The vaccines aimed at taming the coronavirus, however, aren’t so popular.

Laura Biggs, a 56-year-old who has already recovered from the virus, is wary of taking the vaccine. Reassurances from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Food and Drug Administration have done little to ease her alarm that the vaccine could lead to death.

“The way I feel about it is: I don’t need the vaccine at this point,” she said. “And I’m not going to get the vaccine until it is well established.”

That sentiment demonstrates the challenge ahead for public health officials as the U.S. intensifies its efforts for widespread vaccinations that could put an end to a devastating pandemic that has left more than 530,000 dead. The campaign could falter if it becomes another litmus test in America’s raging culture wars, just as mandates for mask-wearing were a point of polarization at the onset of the virus.

While polls have found vaccine hesitancy falling overall, opposition among Republicans remains stubbornly strong. A new poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research found that 42 percent of Republicans say they probably or definitely will not get the shot, compared with 17 percent of Democrats — a 25-point split.

While demand for vaccinations still far outstrips the available supply in most parts of the country, there are already signs in some places of slowing registration. And the impact is expected to grow when supply begins to surpass demand by late April or early May, said Ashish Jha, dean of the Brown University School of Public Health.

“This is going to be the big issue,” he said. “And if we get stuck at 60 or 65 percent vaccinated, we are going to continue to see significant outbreaks and real challenges in our country, and it’s going to be much, much harder to get back to what we think is normal unless we can get that number higher.”

Ron Holloway is an example of the hurdles facing health officials. The 75-year-old Forsyth, Missouri, resident and his wife, who is 74, are at a higher risk of contracting the virus. But he was steadfast in insisting that they “don’t do vaccinations.”

“This whole thing is blown way out of proportion and a bunch of nonsense,” he said of the virus. “We still haven’t lost 1 percent of our population. It is just ridiculous.”

Biggs is a Virginia conservative who voted for Trump. She said partisan differences were obvious among her friends and family in all aspects of the pandemic, including vaccine acceptance.

“Family members who lean left have not left home for a year,” she said, while she and her husband “went everywhere. We traveled more in 2020 than I have in any year of our whole life. ... I just think that there was a hysteria about it. And people put themselves in boxes, so to speak.”

For Holloway, who works

in real estate, the opposition runs even deeper. He is very skeptical of vaccines in general, along with government and pharmaceutical companies. He believes the virus was exaggerated to deny Trump, whom he supported, a second term.

“I just don’t believe we need vaccinations. I don’t think it is the way God intended for us to be,” said Holloway. “The majority of my friends and the people that I associated with, the people that we go to church with, we don’t wear masks, we don’t get the shots. I don’t know why people are so terrified of this. It is nothing worse than a flu.”

COVID-19 is, in fact, far more lethal.

Republicans have been skeptical of the pandemic all along. AP-NORC polls have shown they worry less than Democrats about infection and voice more opposition to restrictions and mask-wearing. In interviews over the last several days, many wondered why they should be early adopters of vaccines with potential side effects when they weren’t worried about the virus and had already moved on.

But the resistance to vaccines has worried GOP pollster Frank Luntz, who convened a focus group on Saturday with 20 vaccine-skeptical Trump voters to try to figure out what kinds of messages might persuade them to take the shots. Participating in the session were Republican congressional leaders, including House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, former New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie and former CDC director Thomas Frieden.

“The overarching message from this session is it’s go-

ing to be very, very hard,” he said. “The people who voted for Trump and don’t want to take the vaccine are committed in their opposition. They don’t trust the science. They don’t believe the media, and they think everything is politicized.”

To change their minds, “you have to start with the facts and then you layer over it the emotion.”

“You have to recognize and empathize with their hesitations and concerns,” he said.

Some have placed blame on Trump, who spent much of the pandemic minimizing the dangers posed by the virus, even after he was hospitalized and had to be given supplemental oxygen and experimental treatments. Trump did receive the vaccine before leaving office, but did so privately and secretly, declining to disclose the fact until this month.

And though he urged Americans to be vaccinated in a recent speech, he has done nothing else to promote the efforts and is notably absent from an ad campaign that features former Presidents Barack Obama, George W. Bush, Bill Clinton and Jimmy Carter, along with their wives.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, the government’s top infectious-disease expert, said Sunday that Trump using his “incredible influence” with Republicans would “make all the difference in the world” when it comes to overcoming hesitancy.

But Luntz said he thinks it’s too late. In his focus group, an ad featuring the past presidents made participants less likely to want to get vaccinated. And participants said they trusted their doctors much more than the former president.

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Shelter, 810 Manchester Ave. The time will be split into 30-minute shifts from 4 to 6 p.m., with four children scheduled per session. There is no cost for the program and the parents or guardians will be with the children at all times. For more information, call 260-563-3511.

Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for noon Wednesday, April 14 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester; and 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 24 and Wednesday, April 28 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15. For more information, visit www.curehunger.org, classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182 or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

WACT plans spring comedy

Performances of “Play On!” by Rick Abbot and directed by Brett Robinson have been scheduled for the weekend of Friday, April 30 through Sunday, May 2 at Southwood Jr.-Sr. High School, 564 Indiana 124. For more information, email brett.a.robinson1@outlook.com.

Local clean-up days announced

Mayor Scott Long said the city was working in conjunction with the Wabash County Solid Waste Management District’s annual Spring Tox-Away Day. The city will offer curbside spring cleanup from Monday, May 3 through Friday, May 7. Piles for pickup should be no larger than 4 feet by 8 feet for collection by the Street Department personnel. Wabash’s Tox-Away Day would be set from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 8, and that North Manchester’s would be set from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 15. The gates will close “promptly” at 1 p.m. on both days.

Grow Wabash County hosting Process Communication workshop

Registration is now open for Grow Wabash County’s Process Communication Model (PCM) workshop scheduled for Monday, May 3 through Wednesday, May 5, at the Grow Wabash County office. Tuition for the workshop will be \$600. The tuition fee will cover the participant’s course fees,

an in-depth personalized PCM profile, and snacks and meals throughout the workshop. Those interested or representatives for their companies can do so at www.growwabashcounty.com/pcmworkshop or by contacting Grow Wabash County by email info@growwabashcounty.com or by phone at 260-563-5258.

Indiana 15 lane closures to last through mid-summer

Alternating lane closures are planned for Indiana 15. The work is happening between Indiana 13 and Wedcor Avenue. Widths will be restricted to 13 feet during the project and that loads wider than 13 feet should seek an alternate route using the nearest numbered state, U.S. or interstate routes. The work is scheduled to wrap up by mid-summer.

COVID-19 testing continues at Parkview Wabash

OptumServe will administer free COVID-19 testing from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays at Parkview Wabash Hospital “on an on-going basis.” Testing will take place at 8 John Kissinger Drive in the first-floor conference room of the Medical Office Building (MOB) adjoining Parkview Wabash Hospital. Testing site patrons should not use the MOB entrance or enter through the hospital, but instead, enter and exit through the designated entrance between the two buildings. Signage will mark the appropriate entrance, which is within a few steps of the conference room and testing site.

DivorceCare meets Tuesdays

DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, features some of the nation’s foremost Christian experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery, according to group leader Janet Quillen. The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Conference Room in the Wabash Friends Counseling Center, 3563 South State Road 13. Wearing a mask is required when entering. Quillen and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St., on State Road 15. For more information, call 260-563-8453, 877-350-1658, email office@wabashfriends.org, call 260-571-5235 or visit www.divorcecare.org.

Editor’s note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabashplaindealer.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.

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TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
AMENDED NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff Sale File number: 85-21-0006-SS
Date & Time of Sale: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 10:00 am
Sale Location: Wabash County Sheriff's Department Basement Miami St Entrance, 79 W Main Street
Judgment to be Satisfied: \$639,994.01
Cause Number: 85D01-2008-MF-000550
Plaintiff: FIRST FARMERS BANK & TRUST
Defendant: MATTHEW D. SCHULER AKA MATTHEW DANIEL SCHULER AKA MATT D. SCHULER and AMANDA E. SCHULER; AND CYNTHIA JEAN SCHULER

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me, directed from the Clerk of Superior/Circuit Court of Wabash County Indiana, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said DECREE, with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder at the date, time and location listed above, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate, a certain tract or parcel of land described as follows:

The following described real estate situated in Wabash County, State of Indiana:

TRACT I: A tract of land being part of the south half of the southeast quarter of Section one (1), in Township twenty-eight (28) North, Range five (5) East, of the Second Principal Meridian, in Wabash County, Indiana, more particularly described as follows: COMMENCING at the northeast corner of the southeast quarter of said Section one (1), marked a Wabash County Section corner monument; thence South 00 degrees 06 minutes 21 seconds East (assumed bearing), along the east line of said quarter, 1369.27 feet to a magnail marking the northeast corner of a 20.00 acre tract of land described in Instrument #2006R393540 and found on file in the Wabash County Recorder's Office and the POINT OF BEGINNING of the herein described tract; thence continuing South 00 degrees 06 minutes 21 seconds East, along the east line of said quarter also being the east line of said 20.00 acre tract of land, 600.00 feet to a magnail marking the southeast corner of said 20.00 acre tract; thence South 89 degrees 40 minutes 39 seconds West, along the south line of said 20.00 acre tract. 592.49 feet to a steel rebar stake with a marker Stamped Bunnell LS; thence North 00 degrees 14 minutes 16 seconds West, 155.21 feet to an eight (8) inch wooden corner post; thence South 89 degrees 40 minutes 39 seconds West, parallel with the south line of said 20.0 acre tract; 311.36 feet to a steel rebar stake with a marker stamped Bunnell LS; thence South 00 degrees 06 minutes 21 seconds East, parallel to the east line of said quarter, 824.21 feet to a steel rebar stake with a marker stamped Bunnell LS on the south line of said quarter; thence South 89 degrees 41 minutes 43 seconds West, along the south line of said quarter, 1107.54 feet to a steel rebar stake with a marker stamped Deeds marking the southeast corner of a 22.299 acre tract of land described in Instrument #2008R404390 found on file in the Wabash County Recorder's Office; thence North 00 degrees 18 minutes 58 seconds East, parallel with the west line of said quarter and along the east line of said 22.299 acre tract, 1268.73 feet to a steel rebar stake with a marker stamped Deeds marking the northeast corner of said 22.299 acre tract; thence North 89 degrees 40 minutes 39 seconds East, along the north line of said 20.00 acre tract, 2002.41 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 43.469 acres, more or less. Subject to a right-of-way for Wabash County West, Wabash, Indiana 46992 Parcel No. 85-09-01-400-013.000-010

TRACT II: A tract of land being part of the south half of the southeast quarter of Section one (1), Township twenty-eight (28) North, Range five (5) East, of the Second Principal Meridian, in Wabash County, Indiana, more particularly described as follows: COMMENCING at the northeast corner of the southeast quarter of said Section one (1), marked by a Wabash County Section corner monument; thence South 00 degrees 06 minutes 21 seconds East (assumed bearing), along the east line of said quarter, 1369.27 feet to a magnail marking the northeast corner of a 20.00 acre tract of land described in Instrument #2006R393540 and found on file in the Wabash County Recorder's Office; thence continuing South 00 degrees 06 minutes 21 seconds East, along the east line of said quarter also being the east line of said 20.00 acre tract of land, 600.00 feet to a magnail marking the southeast corner of said 20.00 acre tract and the POINT OF BEGINNING of the herein described tract; thence South 89 degrees 40 minutes 39 seconds West, along the south line of said 20.00 acre tract, 592.49 feet to a steel rebar stake with a marker stamped Bunnell LS; thence North 00 degrees 14 minutes 16 seconds West, 155.21 feet to an eight (8) inch wooden corner post; thence South 89 degrees 40 minutes 39 seconds West, parallel with the south line of said 20.00 acre tract, 311.36 feet to a steel rebar stake with a marker stamped Bunnell LS; thence South 00 degrees 06 minutes 21 seconds East, parallel to the east line of said quarter, 824.21 feet to a steel rebar stake with a marker stamped Bunnell LS on the south line of said quarter; thence North 89 degrees 41 minutes 43 seconds East, along the south line of said quarter, 904.21 feet to a Wabash County Section corner monument, marking the southeast corner of said Quarter; thence North 00 degrees 06 minutes 21 seconds West, along the east line of said quarter, 669.28 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 15.00 acres, more or less. Subject to a right-of-way for Wabash County Road 600 West and subject to easements, rights of way and restrictions of record.

EXCEPTING FROM TRACT I AND TRACT 2 THE FOLLOWING TWO EXCEPTIONS:

EXCEPTION A: EXCEPTING THEREFROM: That part of the above described property conveyed to Cynthia Jean Schuler, by Warranty Deed, recorded March 26, 2020, as Instrument Number 2020R461629, in the Office of the Recorder of Wabash County, Indiana, described as follows: A tract of land being part of the south half of the southeast quarter of Section 1, Township 28 North, Range 5 East, of Second Principal Meridian, Wabash County, Indiana, described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 1, marked by a Wabash County Section corner monument; thence South 89 degrees 41 minutes 43 seconds West, (assumed bearing), along the South line of said Quarter, 762.66 feet to a steel rebar stake with a marker stamped Bunnell LS and the, POINT OF BEGINNING of herein described tract; thence continuing South 89 degrees 41 minutes 43 seconds West, along the South line of said Southeast Quarter, 1249.10 feet to the Southwest corner of a 43.469 acre tract of land described in Instrument Number 2018R453343 also being the Southeast corner of a 22.299 acre tract of land described in Instrument Number 2008R404390 found on file in the Wabash County Recorder's Office; thence North 00 degrees 18 minutes 58 seconds East, parallel with the West line of said Quarter and along the West line of said 43.469 acre tract, 1268.73 feet to a steel rebar stake with a marker stamped Deeds marking the Northwest corner of said 43.469 acre tract; thence North 89 degrees 40 minutes 39 seconds East, along the North line of said 43.469 acre tract, 2002.41 feet to a mag nail on the East line of said Southeast Quarter; thence South 00 degrees 06 minutes 21 seconds East, along the East line of said Southeast Quarter, 200.00 feet to a mag nail with a marker stamped Bunnell LS; thence South 69 degrees 34 minutes 01 seconds West, 63.98 feet; thence South 89 degrees 40 minutes 39 seconds West, parallel with the North line of said Southeast Quarter, 177.87 feet to the point of curvature of a standard curve to the right; thence Northwesterly along said curve, an arc length of 101.79 feet, having a radius of 120.00 feet, a central angle of 48 degrees 36 minutes 08 seconds and having a chord that bears North 66 degrees 01 minutes 17 seconds West 98.77 feet; thence North 41 degrees 43 minutes 13 seconds West, 35.13 feet to a wooden stake set; thence South 89 degrees 40 minutes 39 seconds West, parallel with the North line of the South half of said Southeast Quarter, 314.36 feet to a steel rebar stake with a marker stamped Bunnell LS; thence South 00 degrees 14 minutes 16 seconds East, 145.45 feet to a steel rebar stake with a marker stamped Bunnell LS; thence South 43 degrees 09 minutes 23 seconds West, 83.60 feet to the point of curvature of a standard curve to the left; thence Southeasterly along said curve an arc length of 92.96 feet, having a radius of 40.00 feet, a central angle of 133 degrees 09 minutes 23 seconds and having as chord that bears South 23 degrees 25 minutes 18 seconds East 73.41 feet to the point of reverse curve; thence Southeasterly along a curve to the right an arc length of 98.70 feet, having a radius of 63.00 feet, a central angle of 89 degrees 45 minutes 44 seconds, and having a chord that bears South 45 degrees 07 minutes 08 seconds East 88.91 feet; thence South 00 degrees 14 minutes 16 seconds East, 87.27 feet to a steel rebar stake with a marker stamped Bunnell LS; thence South 89 degrees 40 minutes 39 seconds West, 138.21 feet to a wooden stake; thence South 01 degrees 45 minutes 14 seconds West, 231.85 feet to a steel rebar stake with a marker stamped Bunnell LS; thence South 61 degrees 24 minutes 51 seconds West, 48.16 feet to the point of curvature of a standard curve to the left; thence Southwesterly along said curve, an arc length of 63.16 feet, a radius of 58.73 feet, a central angle of 61 degrees 36 minutes 57 seconds, and having a chord that bears South 28 degrees 50 minutes 03 seconds West 60.16 feet; thence South 00 degrees 24 minutes 00 seconds East, 20.00 feet to a steel rebar stake with a marker stamped Bunnell LS; thence North 89 degrees 41 minutes 43 seconds East, 84.96 feet to a wooden stake; thence South 00 degrees 06 minutes 21 seconds East, parallel with the East line of said Southeast Quarter, 362.97 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 40.141 acres more or less.

EXCEPTION B: The property conveyed to Cynthia Donovan, by Warranty Deed, recorded May 15, 2020, as Instrument Number 2020R462248, in the Office of the Recorder of Wabash County, Indiana, described as follows: A part of the South half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 1, Township 28 North, Range 5 East, of the Second Principal Meridian, Wabash County, Indiana, described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 1, marked by a Wabash County Section corner monument; thence North 00 degrees 06 minutes 21 seconds West, (assumed bearing), along the East line of said Southeast Quarter, 619.28 feet to a mag nail with a marker stamped Bunnell LS; thence South 89 degrees 40 minutes 39 seconds West, 570.24 feet to a steel rebar stake with a marker stamped Bunnell LS; thence South 04 degrees 05 minutes 04 seconds West, 193.71 feet to a steel rebar stake with a marker stamped Bunnell LS; thence North 87 degrees 40 minutes 57 seconds West, 95.93 feet to the point of curvature of a standard curve to the left; thence Southwesterly along said curve, an arc length of 115.55 feet, having a radius of 83.89 feet, a central angle of 78 degrees 55 minutes 16 seconds and having a chord that bears South 50 degrees 30 minutes 32 seconds West 106.63 feet to a wooden stake; thence South 00 degrees 06 minutes 21 seconds East, parallel with the East line of said Southeast Quarter, 362.97 feet to a steel rebar stake with a marker stamped Bunnell LS on the South line of said Southeast Quarter; thence North 89 degrees 41 minutes 43 seconds East, 762.66 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 10.00 acres more or less.

THE REMAINING REAL ESTATE IS NOW DESCRIBED AS:

TRACT I (6.328 Acre Tract): A tract of land being part of the south half of the southeast quarter of Section one (1), in Township twenty-eight (28) North, Range five (5) East, of the Second Principal Meridian, in Wabash County, Indiana, more particularly described as follows: COMMENCING at the Southeast corner of the southeast quarter of said Section one (1), marked by a Wabash County Section corner monument; thence North 00° 06' 21" West, (assumed bearing), along the east line of said southeast quarter, 669.28 feet to a magnail with a marker stamped Bunnell LS and the POINT OF BEGINNING of the herein described tract; thence continuing North 00° 06' 21" West, along the east line of said southeast quarter, 400.00 feet to a magnail with a marker stamped Bunnell LS; thence South 69° 34' 01" West, 63.98 feet; thence South 89° 40' 39" West, parallel with the north line of the south half of said southeast quarter, 177.87 feet to the point of curvature of a standard curve to the right; thence northwesterly along said curve, an arc length of 101.79 feet, having a radius of 120.00 feet, a central angle of 48° 36' 08" and having a chord that bears North 66° 07' 17" West 98.77 feet; thence North 41° 43' 13" West, 35.13 feet to a wooden stake set; thence South 89° 40' 39" West, parallel with the north line of the south half of said southeast quarter, 314.36 feet to a steel rebar stake with a marker stamped Bunnell LS; thence South 00° 14' 16" East, 145.45 feet to a steel rebar stake with a marker stamped Bunnell LS; thence South 43° 09' 23" West, 83.60 feet to the point of curvature of a standard curve to the left; thence southeasterly along said curve an arc length of 92.96 feet, having a radius of 40.00 feet, a central angle of 133° 09' 23" and having as chord that bears South 23° 25' 18" East 73.41 feet to the point of reverse curve; thence southeasterly along a curve to the right an arc length of 98.70 feet, having a radius of 63.00 feet, a central angle of 89° 45' 44", and having a chord that bears South 45° 07' 08" East 88.91 feet; thence South 00° 14' 16" East, 87.27 feet to a steel rebar stake with a marker stamped Bunnell LS; thence North 89° 40' 39" East, 38.00 feet to a steel rebar stake with a marker stamped Bunnell LS on the east line of a 15.00 acre tract of land described in Instrument #2018R453345 and found on file in the Wabash County Recorder's Office; thence South 00° 14' 16" East, along the east line of said 15.00 acre tract, 21.00 feet to a steel rebar stake with a marker stamped Bunnell LS; thence North 89° 40' 39" East, along the north line of said 15.00 acre tract of land, 592.49 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 6.328 acres more or less.

TRACT II (2.0 Acre Tract): A tract of land being part of the south half of the southeast quarter of Section one (1), in Township twenty-eight (28) North, Range five (5) East, of the Second Principal Meridian, in Wabash County, Indiana, more particularly described as follows: COMMENCING at the Southeast corner of the southeast quarter of said Section one (1), marked by a Wabash County Section corner monument; thence North 00° 06' 21" West, (assumed bearing), along the east line of said southeast quarter, 669.28 feet to a magnail with a marker stamped Bunnell LS and the POINT OF BEGINNING of the herein described tract; thence South 00° 06' 21" East, along the east line of said southeast quarter, 50.00 feet to a magnail with a marker stamped Bunnell LS; thence South 89° 40' 39" West, 570.24 feet to a steel rebar stake with a marker stamped Bunnell LS; thence South 04° 05' 04" West, 193.71 feet to a steel rebar stake with a marker stamped Bunnell LS; thence North 87° 40' 57" West, 95.93 feet to the point of curvature of a standard curve to the left; thence southwesterly along said curve, an arc length of 115.55 feet, having a radius of 83.89 feet, a central angle of 78° 55' 16" and having a chord that bears South 50° 30' 32" West 106.63 feet to a wooden stake; thence South 89° 41' 43" West, 84.96 feet to a steel rebar stake with a marker stamped Bunnell LS; thence North 00° 24' 00" East, 20.00 feet to the point of curvature of a standard curve to the right; thence northeasterly along said curve, an arc length of 63.16 feet, a radius of 58.73 feet, a central angle of 61° 36' 57", and having a chord that bears North 28° 50' 03" East 60.16 feet; thence North 61° 24' 51" East, 48.16 feet to a steel rebar stake with a marker stamped Bunnell LS; thence North 01° 45' 145" East, 231.85 feet to a wooden stake; thence North 89° 40' 39" East, 176.21 feet to a steel rebar stake with a marker stamped Bunnell LS on the east line of a 15.00 acre tract of land described in Instrument #2018R453345 and found on file in the Wabash County Recorder's Office; thence South 00° 14' 16" East, along the east line of said 15.00 acre tract, 21.00 feet to a steel rebar stake with a marker stamped Bunnell LS; thence North 89° 40' 39" East, along the north line of said 15.00 acre tract of land, 592.49 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 2.00 acres more or less.

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Manchester softball splits opening day DH

Emerich earns first coaching win

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University softball team returned to the diamond for the first time in 367 days as the Black and Gold hosted the Alma College Scots in a non-conference doubleheader.

Manchester split its opening day doubleheader with Alma. The Scots earned a

6-0 shutout victory in the first game this afternoon while Manchester rallied for a 5-3 victory in game two. The second game was called in the top of the 6th inning due to darkness.

The victory also marked the first career coaching victory for new head coach Sara Emerich.

■ **Game 1** – Alma defeated Manchester 6-0

■ **Game 2** – Manchester defeated Alma – 5-3 (6 innings)

Alma got strong pitching

from Haley Ullrich in the first game of the afternoon. Ullrich tossed a complete game shutout, limiting the Spartans to just three hits. She also struck seven batters en route to her second win of the young season.

Game two of the day proved to be a back-and-forth affair. The Scots jumped ahead 2-0 through three innings of play.

Manchester plated three runs in the home half of the fourth inning to grab a 1-run lead. An error by the Scots allowed the first Manches-

ter run to score. Zoe Kesler, from Greenfield and Greenfield Central High School, drove home the second run of the game for MU via a groundout. Lainey Bonser, from Muncie and Delta High School, then laced a single to right that plated the third run of the inning for the Spartans.

MU's lead was short-lived as Alma tied the game back up with a run in the top of the 5th inning.

Manchester would then retake the lead for good in the

home half of the 5th. With a runner on, Alexis Mokos, from Cedar Lake and Hanover Central High School, cranked a double to deep center that scored a run to tie the game at 4-4. During the play, Mokos was able to advance to third on the throw home. The ball then got past the Alma catcher which allowed Mokos to score from third.

Mokos finished the second game of the day 3-3 at the plate with two runs scored and an RBI. She also made a

slick defensive play at shortstop in the contest.

Lainey Bonser went 2-2 with an RBI while Page Magner, from North Vernon and Jennings County High School, added a 2-3 effort at the plate with a run scored.

The Spartans hosted the Bluffton University Beavers on Tuesday, March 16, at the MU Softball Field. Tuesday's doubleheader was scheduled to begin at 3:30 p.m.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

Manchester's Johnson resigns

She joined the MU staff in 2016

By DILLON BENDER

Christine Johnson has stepped down from her post as the head women's soccer coach, the school announced on Monday, March 15.

Assistant coach Josh Route will lead the team for the remainder of the 2021 spring season.

Johnson joined the Manchester staff in 2016 and was in her fifth season as the leader of the program in 2020-21.

"I would like to thank Christine Johnson for her service to Manchester University and to our women's soccer program," said Manchester Director of Athlet-



Provided photo

Christine Johnson joined the Manchester staff in 2016 and was in her fifth season as the leader of the program in 2020-21.

ics Rick Espeset. "Her investment in student-athlete growth on and off the pitch is

admirable. We wish her well as she moves on to a new professional role."

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

Franklin ground game proves hard to stop as Grizzlies overpower Spartans

Manchester will head on the road to face Defiance College on Saturday, March 20

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University football team fell in Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference action to visiting Franklin College on Saturday, March 13. The Grizzlies overpowered Manchester, winning by a final score of 50-3.

The Grizzly ground game proved difficult to stop on Saturday as Franklin rushed for 402 yards and three scores. Derek Thompson

rushed 16 times for 234 yards and a pair of touchdowns. Thompson had touchdown runs of 75 and 67 yards.

Franklin also threw for a pair of scores and returned a punt for a touchdown.

Manchester was held to 233 yards of offense and Franklin come away with four takeaways.

Quarterback Zac Montgomery, from Knightstown and Mt. Vernon High School, finished the day 22-

of-39 through the air for 191 yards. Harrington Greer, from South Bend and Riley High School, had six receptions for 54 yards. Seven different Spartans had multiple receptions.

Christian Smith, from Indianapolis and Arsenal Tech High School, led MU with 43 rushing yards. Kicker Andrew Kibler (Cape Coral, Fla./Mariner) made a 32-yard field goal.

Defensively, Jabari Webb, from Villa Rica, Georgia, and Villa Rica High School, led the Black and Gold with 12 tackles and 1 tackle-for-loss. Kobe Roberson, from

Michigan City, finished the day with 11 tackles, 2.5 tackles-for-loss and 1.0 sack. Haylee Smith, from Indianapolis and Charles A. Tindley High School, came away with an interception in the first half.

Franklin (2-0, 2-0 HCAC) will host the Mount St. Joseph Lions next weekend.

Manchester (0-4, 0-2 HCAC) will head on the road to face Defiance College on Saturday, March 20. Kickoff from Ohio is slated for 1:30 p.m.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

Late rally falls short for MU women's soccer at Earlham

Spartans are back in action today at home against Rose-Hulman

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University women's soccer team scored a late goal but was unable to overcome the Earlham College Quakers on Saturday afternoon, falling by a final score of 2-1.

Earlham jumped out to a 2-0 lead following scores in the 17th and 55th minutes.

In the 85th minute, an offensive push by the Spartans resulted in a corner kick. Freshman Peyton Horn, from Crown Point and Andean High School, placed the corner kick at the front

of the 6-yard box where fellow freshman Morgan Mauk, from Toledo, Ohio, and E.L. Bowsher High School, headed the ball into the net. Mauk's first career goal also was the Spartans' first goal of the season.

Earlham was able to defend the remainder of the regulation to secure the win.

The Spartans will be back in action at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 17 at the Spartan Stadium against Rose-Hulman (4-0, 4-0 HCAC).

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

Spartans shut out Earlham for road win

Manchester visits Rose-Hulman today

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester Spartans men's soccer team earned a 1-0 shutout victory against the Earlham College Quakers on Saturday, March 13.

Freshman Julian Keough, from Indianapolis and Pike High School, scored the lone goal of the game in the 23rd minute for the Black and Gold. Keough slotted a shot into the left corner of the goal past the Earlham keeper

to put the Spartans ahead.

Manchester's defense was stout all game as the Spartan back line held Earlham to just two shots on the day. Manchester totaled 14 shots, placing five of those on goal.

The Spartans (3-1, 3-1 HCAC) will return to action on Wednesday, March 17, with a road trip to Rose-Hulman. Game time is slated for 7 p.m.

Earlham (1-3, 1-3 HCAC) will travel to Bluffton on Wednesday, March 17.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

Indiana snapshot: Basketball temples take center stage for tourney

By MICHAEL MAROT
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — George McGinnis remembers every detail from that night he listened to the Indiana state basketball championship in the parking lot of Hinkle Fieldhouse.

It was 1966, and he and his Indianapolis Washington teammates sat in awe as the crowd roared inside the big, brick basketball temple. Like thousands of teenagers across the state, McGinnis and his friends dreamed about playing inside Hinkle, where champions were crowned, hardwood floors became reality and dream heroes were born.

Even today, at age 70 and after a Hall of Fame career, it's one of McGinnis' fondest memories because it helped spur Washington to return to Hinkle three years later and complete a perfect season, just like Oscar Robertson did in 1956.

"It was just packed," McGinnis recalled. "There wasn't really a place to park, so we parked illegally and listened to the game on the radio but you could hear the crowd after every basket. We said to ourselves 'That's going to be us one day, that's going to be us.'"

It's one of many yarns that define Indiana basketball and the arenas that helped create its legacy. Six will go on

full display when the NCAA Tournament tips off later this week.

The meccas only start with Hinkle's sunlit court, which will host its first tourney games since 1940 – 14 years prior to Bobby Plump of tiny Milan High making the real shot that inspired "Hoosiers."

Five national championship banners hang from the rafters inside Assembly Hall, home of the Indiana Hoosiers. Three of those titles came under former coach Bob Knight, including the 1975-76 team – the last undefeated Division I men's champion.

"The hair on the back of your neck stood up when you ran out on the floor to the roar of Hoosier Nation," said Kent Benson, a starter on that title team. "It shook the building. It was absolutely deafening it was so loud."

At Purdue's Mackey Arena, fans will find the banner honoring John Wooden – the first three-time All-American. And when the arena is full, the decibels resound off the metallic, domed roof, making life as difficult for musicians as Boilermakers opponents.

The other three are just a short drive from Hinkle: Indiana Farmers Coliseum, which opened on the state fairgrounds in 1939 and played host to the Indiana Pacers' three ABA titles; Lucas Oil Stadium, home of the NFL's Colts and where Gordon Hay-



Kaiti Sullivan / Indy Star / TNS

Home to the Butler Bulldogs and mascot Blue IV, who has become the unofficial mascot of the NCAA Tournament, Hinkle Fieldhouse at Butler University will host first-round, second-round and Sweet 16 games.

ward's half-court heave came within inches of giving Butler the 2010 national championship; and Bankers Life Fieldhouse, which hosted three games during the 2000 NBA Finals – the first of Kobe Bryant's five title runs.

And the history of these venues stretches well beyond basketball.

The coliseum was built as part of President Franklin Roosevelt's "New Deal" legislation and hosted Indiana's basketball state championships briefly in the 1940s when Hinkle served as a World War II military barracks. The Beatles performed

at the coliseum in 1964 and it's where McGinnis watched his first pro game and made his pro debut in 1971.

"The fans were right on top of you and there was just an air about it – the way the fans were yakking. And there was no room for diving in for a loose ball. If you did, you'd kill somebody," said McGinnis, who returned for the 2014 reopening after a \$53 million renovation. "It looks nice. The seats are great."

Assembly Hall has hosted many big acts ranging from Elvis Presley to Bob Dylan and Bob Hope to Johnny Cash. The Jackson Five

played there, too, and President Barack Obama and Bill Gates both spoke inside the Hoosiers home arena, which served as the site of the U.S. Olympic men's basketball tryouts in 1984 and later became the scene of Knight's infamous chair toss.

Mackey Arena opened in 1967 by pitting Wooden, Lew Alcindor and mighty UCLA against Rick Mount, the 1966 Mr. Basketball winner and Sports Illustrated coverboy in his college debut. President Reagan spoke there in 1987.

Lucas Oil Stadium and Bankers Life Fieldhouse, meanwhile, have hosted doz-

ens of major concerts and events but are best-known for their sports ties.

The retractable-roof stadium will host its third national championship game April 5. It served as the Super Bowl site in February 2012 and college football's title game will be played there in January.

Bankers Life, home of the Pacers has hosted everything from hockey games to professional bull riding to the 2011 NCAA women's title game. Michael Phelps even swam in a temporary pool there, constructed for the 2004 FINA World Championships.

But talk to most people around the state and one place still rules: Hinkle, the beloved old barn built in 1928 that got a \$36 million overhaul in 2014. Left alone were those signature windows high above the court.

"We'd drive there in the summer, just sit in the parking lot, thinking and each one of us would be like (broadcaster) Tom Carnegie calling the game: 'He takes the shot ...,'" said Steve Downing, a high school and college teammate of McGinnis who is now the athletic director at nearby Marian University. "We would just go play basketball out at Speedway or wherever and on the way home, we would drive by Hinkle Fieldhouse and just sit in that parking lot and daydream about basketball."

NURSING

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and help Manchester advance its mission to “graduate persons of ability and conviction who draw upon their education and faith to lead principled, productive and compassionate lives that improve the human condition.”

In the past three years, Manchester launched the nation’s first program that will graduate students with a dual degree in Doctor of Pharmacy and Master of Pharmacogenomics; moved ahead with plans to launch a Master of Science

in Nutrition and Nutrigenomics; and started the accreditation process to offer a doctoral degree in physical therapy.

Hired in 2019, Beth Schultz is the founding director of the nursing program.

“When you graduate from a Manchester nursing program, you’ll be equipped as a highly-skilled and caring professional. Our faculty will foster an appreciation for the greater good and provide the know-how to ensure positive outcomes for patients, their families and communities,” Schultz said.

Manchester nursing education is distinctive:

- It focuses on both rural and urban health.
 - It incorporates a strong interdisciplinary learning model.
 - It is infused with liberal arts competencies such as communication, conflict resolution, critical thinking, cultural sensitivity, service, collaboration and leadership.
- MU nursing students will be introduced to many facets of the profession, including psychiatric/mental health, geriatric and pediatric health, maternity nursing, critical care, nutrition and pharmacology.
- They will take part in a wide

variety of clinical experiences, including specialized care facilities, regional hospitals and community-centered clinics. Even the classrooms will be experiential, incorporating the latest in virtual technologies, such as the zSpace augmented and virtual reality learning platform; the Sentinel City learning platform that focuses on community and population health; and the Anatomage 3D anatomy simulator.

“Although the teaching tools are advanced, Manchester nursing programs are built on a strong set of values that include a deep commitment to integrity, a respect for the in-

finite worth of every individual and a goal to serve others,” Johnson said.

Service-learning is an integral component, giving students opportunities to grow professionally and personally.

The need for nurses is well-documented. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects a 16.5 percent growth in the nursing workforce by 2024 and, according to ProjectionsCentral.com, Indiana will experience approximately 4,600 annual openings between 2016 and 2026.

In addition to direct patient care, professional opportunities for nurses with a bache-

lor’s degree include forensic nursing, nursing leadership, information technology, research, occupational health, public health, case management and nursing education.

“Manchester’s longstanding reputation for excellence in the health sciences and its foundation in the liberal arts will assure that MU nursing graduates are well-rounded health care professionals, ready to provide ethical, evidence-based and compassionate care,” McFadden said.

Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.

VACCINE

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added as more vaccine becomes available,” stated the ISDH. “Vaccine appointments for this newly eligible population will be available over the next several weeks to align with expected vaccine deliveries to the state. Individuals seeking an earlier appointment are encouraged to look at openings in surrounding counties.”

In addition to these two groups, healthcare workers, long-term care residents and first responders who are regularly called to the scene of an emergency to render medical assistance are also eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

As of Tuesday, 1,297,213 first doses of vaccine have been administered in Indiana, and 852,183 individuals are fully vaccinated. The fully vaccinated number includes individuals who have received a second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines and those who received the single Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

To schedule a vaccine, visit <https://ourshot.in.gov> or call 211 if you do not have access to a computer or require assistance.

Appointment availability varies by site, so individuals seeking an earlier appointment may need to look at openings in nearby counties. If an individual already has an appointment scheduled but finds an earlier appointment, call 211 to reschedule.

Vaccines also are available

at Kroger and Meijer stores, but those must be scheduled through the retailers’ websites.

Long-term care facilities

The ISDH’s long-term care facilities dashboard is current as of Wednesday, March 3 and was updated Wednesday, March 10. The dashboard is updated weekly at noon Wednesdays. New positive cases and deaths have occurred over a range of dates but were reported to the ISDH seven days before the last dashboard update.

During the latest update, in Wabash County:

- Timbercrest Senior Living Community in North Manchester reported 10 total resident positive cases, fewer than five total resident deaths and 50 staff positive cases.
- Peabody Retirement Community in North Manchester reported 54 total resident positive cases, 14 total resident deaths and 125 staff positive cases.
- Wellbrooke of Wabash reported 34 total resident positive cases, 12 total resident deaths and 33 staff positive cases.
- Autumn Ridge Rehabilitation Centre reported fewer than five new resident positive cases, fewer than five new resident deaths, 20 total positive cases, fewer than five total resident deaths and 15 staff positive cases.
- Vernon Health and Rehabilitation reported 36 total resident positive cases, fewer than five total resident deaths and 29 staff positive cases.

■ Rolling Meadows Health Care Centre in LaFontaine reported 56 total resident positive cases, 16 total resident deaths and 16 staff positive cases.

■ Miller’s Merry Manor – Wabash East reported 51 total resident positive cases, nine total resident deaths and 32 staff positive cases.

■ Miller’s Merry Manor – Wabash West reported fewer than five total resident positive cases, fewer than five total resident deaths and 14 staff positive cases.

Local figures

On Saturday, the ISDH reported three new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County’s total to 3,355, with 14,364 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 2.4 percent. The local seven-day positivity rate for unique individuals was 11.7 percent.

On Sunday, the ISDH reported three new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County’s total to 3,358, with 14,374 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 2.1 percent. The local seven-day positivity rate for unique individuals was 10.2 percent.

On Monday, the ISDH reported no new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County’s total to 3,358, with 14,385 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 2.8 percent. The local seven-day positivity rate for unique individuals was 12.1 percent.

On Tuesday, the ISDH reported two new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County’s total to 3,360, with 14,388 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 3.4 percent. The local seven-day positivity rate for unique individuals was 11.3 percent.

Statewide figures

On Tuesday, the ISDH announced that 568 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at state and private laboratories. That brings to 673,528 the number of Indiana residents now known to have had the novel coronavirus following corrections to the previous day’s dashboard.

A total of 12,466 Hoosiers are confirmed to have died from COVID-19, an increase of 12 from the previous day. Another 410 probable deaths have been reported based on clinical diagnoses in patients for whom no positive test is on record.

To date, 3,188,106 unique individuals have been tested in Indiana, up from 3,185,150 on Monday. A total of 8,483,858 tests, including repeat tests for unique individuals, have been reported to the ISDH since Feb. 26, 2020.

To find testing sites around the state, visit www.coronavirus.in.gov and click on the COVID-19 testing information link.

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This watercolor painting, “Flowergirl,” by Laureen Deeter was supposed to be included in last year’s show, which had to be moved online.

ART SHOW

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media and content,” said Heeter.

To view the online gallery of entries in the 2020 Wabash Art Guild Members’ Art Show which was to be included in the physical show, but had to be moved online, check out the Wabash Art Guild Facebook page in the comments section under the post, “Wabash Art Guild Members’

Art Display,” by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/y7yndp6l>.

For the future, though, Heeter said they were interested in inviting new members who would like to contribute their works.

“If you love art, we welcome you to join our group,” said Heeter.

For more information, call 260-563-7690.

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DRIVE-IN

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City Hall Assembly Room, 130 Penn St., Westfield.

The announcement was added as a review item to Monday’s regular Wabash County Board of Commissioners meeting.

“We wish the Drive-In well and that they are accepted,” said chairman Jeff Dawes.

On Tuesday, INGUARD CEO Parker Beauchamp said he acquired the 13-24 Drive-In nearly a decade ago because he “felt it was too cool to lose.”

“At the time it was threatened by the build-out of Wabash Business Park, the poor economics of owning a drive-in and the necessary projector upgrades required by Hollywood to continue to operate them,” said Beauchamp.

Beauchamp said Honeywell Foundation CEO and president Tod Minnich felt the same way.

“The problem was that he had just acquired Eagle’s

Theatre and did not want to buy the drive-in,” said Beauchamp. “The problem for me was that I did not want to operate the drive-in.”

So, Beauchamp proposed to Minnich that he buy the property and Beauchamp could run it instead. Minnich agreed.

“Worse, at the time, I did not have the money to buy it, so I convinced my dad to go halvesies with me,” said Beauchamp.

Beauchamp said his father, too, agreed.

Beauchamp said next he had to convince then Economic Development Group of Wabash County CEO and president Bill Konyha.

Beauchamp said Konyha wanted to demolish the site for the industrial park expansion. Instead, he wanted him to let him buy it to use it as a local community asset. Konyha also agreed.

“Looking back on it all, I think it was a good idea,” said Beauchamp.

The National Register of Historic Places is the official list of the nation’s historic

places worthy of preservation, according to the National Park Service (NPS).

Authorized by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the NPS’s National Register of Historic Places “is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect America’s historic and archaeological resources.”

Beauchamp said a couple of years ago, Indiana Landmarks director Paul Hayden suggested he hire a consultant to help him with a nomination. Beauchamp said Hayden recommended Kurt Garner, of Plymouth, who he hired.

“He has shepherded through all the various steps since that time,” said Beauchamp. “He deserves a lot of credit.”

Beauchamp said next month’s hearing will be the final one in the process.

“We feel great about its prospects,” he said.

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